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Greetings from Eleanore's Project:

We are pleased to announce the 2009 Eleanore's Project Institute for Professionals and Families for October 2, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at the Park. It will be the first of many annual institutes specifically designed to empower children, youth and adults with disabilities, their families and the local and regional professionals who work with them. High quality continuing education with a focus on best practice is essential to ensure health, well-being and a good quality of life for our citizens with unique physical and developmental conditions – yet reduced government budgets and difficult economic times have decreased the availability and affordability of learning opportunities for Montanans.

This institute was conceived by Eleanore's Project, named for Eleanore Kittelson-Aldred and founded by her family with the goal of improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families. Those who attend the institute will see reflections of Eleanore's life and the elements that were important in helping her and her family thrive. We are a 501 (c) (3) organization based in Missoula since 2004. Until now we have focused our efforts on international rehabilitation work in Peru and Jordan, where we have held numerous seating and mobility clinics while providing customized wheelchairs for needy children, taught educational seminars, introduced basic alternative communication strategies for non-speaking children and presented at international conferences.

This year's institute is titled "Transportation Safety for Wheelchair Riders and Children with Disabilities", specifically addressing a safety issue in the lives of people with disabilities in our region. From public and school buses, to community living vans and personal vehicles, transportation safety for this population is frequently uncharted territory. Lacking knowledge about best practices in this area, many individuals travel in unsafe circumstances that could result in death or serious complications of already existing disabilities.

I invite you to be part of this community oriented effort that could literally save lives through providing essential information to those who need it most and can put it into action - individuals with disabilities, their families and the local and regional professionals who work with them. Enclosed you will find complete information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2009 Institute; we look forward to your collaboration on this worthwhile cause. We will contact you in the coming week to discuss how you can help make this event a success.

Best regards,

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